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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Have Climbed the Monument.
More than 2,000,000 people have ascended the Washington monument since it was opened, 14 years ago.

Courtesies of War.
Dewey says he killed a few people at Manila to please the Spanish commander. There is nothing like being accommodating in these little matters.

Those Smoke-Clouds.
For every time he fills a pipe of medium size a smoker blows 700 smoke-clouds. If he smokes four pipes a day for 20 years, he blows 20,400,000 smoke-clouds.

Unreasonable Statistics.
Now comes forward an expert to prove how few people are struck by lightning. This intelligence, however, will be anything but reassuring in political circles just now.

Twenty-Nine More Congressmen.
The next house of representatives will include 29 more members than the present house as a result of the new apportionment bill passed in conformity with the census of 1900.

Jays of Summer Junkets.
The summer cruise of the senate and house committees among the islands of our colonial possessions ought to be equal to half a dozen congressional funerals in alcoholic possibilities.

A One-Sided Affair.
According to Admiral Dewey the capture of Manila must have been something fierce since the Spaniards were not permitted to fire on the Americans under the rules of the game.

Shelter in the Storm.
A "beauty doctor" in Chicago, who doped the complexion of a patient, causing death, managed to elude indictment by producing a diversity of medical opinion on the cause of death. Expert evidence is a fine shelter in a storm.

Morgan Has Them Groggy.
Emperor William visited J. Pierpont Morgan three times in two days last week. Less than a month ago Mr. Morgan had a heart-to-heart talk with King Edward. As the real monarch of all he surveys Mr. Morgan has the ordinary crowned heads groggy.

Cities Must Foot the Bill.
Belgian cities are liable for all damage done to private property by rioters, and Brussels has accordingly been ordered by the court to pay \$4,000 for windows smashed during the riots of 1890. The rioting this spring was much more serious and a larger bill will have to be met by the city.

Last Man to Be Tortured.
J. R. Matzenauer, who died recently at Appenzel, in Switzerland, was the last man who was subjected to judicial torture in that country. He was accused of murder in the '40s and subjected to the neckscrew and other medieval machines without confessing. He was later shown to be innocent.

Umbrellas as Lightning Rods.
The steel frame umbrella is light, convenient and much less clumsy than its predecessor with a wooden shaft; but there is an element of danger in it. A woman at Atlantic City, a day or two ago, was struck by a bolt of lightning attracted by the metallic frame of her umbrella, and men have been killed inadvertently letting the steel points of their umbrellas come in contact with low-hanging electric lights.

Idle Sons of Rich Men.
The rich young man who will not work and who spends unprofitably and foolishly the money his laborious father left him is one of the favorite topics of the stern moralist. A professor at the university of Chicago enlivened his lecture on the dry subject of "Rent and Interest" by holding up to scorn the idle and extravagant sons of the rich. He branded them as "parasites," who should not be allowed to draw their interest.

Alps Could Run the Railways.
An engineer of Zurich, L. Thormann, reports that sufficient electric power could be developed from the waterfalls of the Alps to run all the railways of Switzerland. There would be little or no reduction of cost, he says, but the time may come when the change from steam to electricity may be desirable, because Switzerland has to import all the coal she uses. From 21 waterfalls, some of which are already partially utilized for industrial purposes, 86,000 horsepower could be developed.

Generous and Sensible.
John L. Burke has given \$400,000 to New York city for the relief of the poor. He directs that the money shall be used first and particularly for the relief of men and women who are sick or convalescent. It is an unselfish gift. Besides, the establishment of a fund which is not dedicated to the erection of a library building or to the extension of "the higher learning" is a delightful incident in the great sympathy of present-day charitable giving.

LOSSES BY WATER.

In Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa Great Damage Was Done.

Streams Out of Bank and Thousands of Acres of Corn Submerged—Many Railroad Bridges Washed Away—One Farmer Lost 400 Hogs.

Topeka, Kan., July 10.—The Union Pacific road has suspended all traffic on the "Blue Valley" line north of Manhattan and on the branch north of Concordia on account of the high water. The Santa Fe is having much trouble on the northern end of the Strong City branch, which runs from Strong City to Superior, Neb. The Republican river is on a rampage there and is higher than it has ever been known to be. A great deal of track on the branch is under water, but none has yet been washed out. The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley line, which connects with the Santa Fe at Superior, is also in bad shape and cannot get its trains through.

No Relief in Nebraska.
Omaha, Neb., July 10.—Reports which are being received show the conditions in the flooded districts to be worse than at first reported. At Superior, Neb., the Burlington railroad had 1,000 feet of track washed bodily into the Republican river, and the Santa Fe was blocked by a foot of water running over the roadbed for a mile west of town. At Blair, a quarter of a mile of the Northwestern's track was washed out. At Kennard, 600 feet of track of the same road was carried away, and the filled approach at the Missouri river bridge east of the town began to slide away.

The Skunk river and Squaw creek are out of their banks and near the confluence in Story county thousands of acres are flooded and crops practically destroyed. The continuous rains are paralyzing business in Fort Dodge and the railroads are almost out of business. The west end of the city is inundated and families are moving out. The Des Moines river is up six feet at that point.

A conservative estimate places the losses from floods in Nebraska at over \$1,000,000, and some exceed twice that amount.

Flood Caused Railroad Wreck.
Peoria, Ill., July 10.—A terrific rain and electric storm swept over Peoria and the adjacent county last night. The Lake Erie & Western through freight went through a bridge at Farmdale, six miles east of here. The engine and several freight cars are piled in the bottom of the Farm creek. The engineer was fatally injured and the fireman lies buried in the mud beneath the engine. It will be several days before traffic is restored.

Iowa Streams Out of Bank.
Des Moines, Ia., July 10.—The continued rains have forced nearly all Iowa streams from their banks, and the destruction of crops, live stock and other property is assuming immense proportions. It is impossible to estimate the damage from the indefinite reports received. The damage is especially extensive in the central, northern and western and southwestern parts of the state.

Fatal Tornado at Oxford, Ia.
Des Moines, Ia., July 10.—Jacob Burkhardt was killed by a tornado farm region in that vicinity, causing great damage to orchards and outbuildings and killing livestock. Burkhardt was killed by the collapse of the barn of Wesley Irish.

Cloudburst at Herman, Neb.
Herman, Neb., July 10.—This town, the scene of a tornado two years ago, was visited by a cloudburst which washed several houses from their foundations, and one family had to be rescued in a boat, their home having been washed a quarter of a mile from its original location.

People Leave Their Homes.
Marysville, Kan., July 10.—The Blue river here is the highest for years. At Homesville, Neb., 12 feet of water covers the Union Pacific tracks and all traffic on the line is abandoned. All Blue Rapids residents on the bottoms have left their homes to escape the flood.

Lost 400 Fat Hogs.
Concordia, Kan., July 10.—The overflow of the Republican river has caused great damage. Peter Hanson, a farmer, has lost 400 head of hogs, 800 of which were ready for market. Hundreds of acres of corn, wheat and oats are under water.

MISS BEAL TO WED.

Wichita Telephone Girl Who Drew Claim at Lawton Had Over 600 Offers of Marriage.

Wichita, Kan., July 10.—Miss Mattie Beal, the telephone girl who won a \$40,000 claim near Lawton at the government drawing last year, has announced her engagement to Charles W. Payne, a clerk in a lumber yard at Lawton, Ok. The wedding will be July 16. She had over 600 offers of marriage, one of them from a German count, after drawing her claim last autumn.

No Religion in the Schools.
Washington, July 10.—Complaints have been received at the war department that certain teachers in the Philippines have been trying to influence Catholic children to become Protestants. The teachers will be informed that it is no part of the policy of the government to have any religion taught in the schools.

Drought Broken in Eastern Oklahoma.
Guthrie, Ok., July 10.—A two-months' drought was broken throughout eastern Oklahoma yesterday by a general rain.

A Telephone Exchange Burned.
London, July 10.—The telephone exchange at No. 58 London Wall was burned last night. The damage is placed at £30,000. The telephone communication of 3,000 subscribers, mostly London stock brokers, has been severed.

Dallas Has \$250,000 Fire.
Dallas, Tex., July 10.—Fire completely destroyed the wholesale drug houses of Patton-Worham company; Texas Drug company; J. W. Crow Drug company and H. W. Williams & Co. Loss \$250,000.

MIND NEEDS DISCIPLINE.

Educators Declare for Less Theory in the Commercial Training of Pupils—J. J. Hill as Example.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 10.—Wednesday was a day of department meetings for the visiting teachers of the National Educational association. The feature of the normal school meeting was the address of Dr. David Fellmeyer, president of the Illinois state normal school university, on the need of more practical work in normal schools and the concentration and co-operation of the work on the teaching of the actual instead of the theoretical child as the ultimate purpose of normal education.

James Remond Bishop, of Cincinnati, aroused the enthusiasm of the secondary education department by his demand for a closer system of supervision of schools by the state. He pointed out that the extraordinary activity in educational matters had given rise to confusion and lack of co-ordination. Present state bureaus, he declared, do not supervise thoroughly and well, because too small and underpaid.

A. E. Winslow, editor of the Journal of Education, Boston, read a strong and suggestive paper on the disciplinary value of commercial studies as opposed to the old idea that higher mathematics was best for disciplining the mind. In illustration he said: J. J. Hill is the greatest railroad man on earth because he first carried a bushel of wheat 1,100 miles for a cent and a half and a ton of coal 1,100 miles for 25 cents. It was the plain multiplication table that made Jim Hill the best disciplined man west of Chicago.

FIERCE FIGHT FOR LIBERTY.

Three Prisoners in Jail at St. Joseph Dismayed a Wall, but Guards Clashed Them Back.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 10.—At 12:30 o'clock yesterday noon James Blakes, Lee Allen and James Murray, notorious prisoners in the Buchanan county jail, wrecked the rear wall of the jail building with a powerful charge of dynamite. Allen, Blakes and Murray then made a fierce fight for liberty, but the guards were too quick for them and beat them back with Winchester. Seventy-five prisoners are confined in the jail, but many of them made no effort to escape and those who were very enough to try and follow Blakes and his companions were clubbed into submission. As if by miracle no one was injured, although the explosion and every window in the courthouse on the side next to the jail was shattered.

GRAIN AND MILLING TRUST.

A Foundation for Its Organization Laid at a Conference in Topeka Yesterday.

Topeka, Kan., July 10.—At a conference held in this city yesterday between Walter V. Vrooman and representatives of the various milling and grain concerns of the state plans were discussed for the formation of a "farmers' grain and milling trust." The idea is to do away with the middle man and handle the wheat product of the state directly from the farmers to the elevators and millers without paying a commission. The Vrooman line of co-operative stores, the Hoffman mills and a line of elevators, the Solomon Co-operative grain company, seven or eight elevators on the Union Pacific and the Western Milling company, of Salina, propose to enter the trust.

HE DUCKED FILIPINOS.

Lieut. Hickman, of the First Cavalry, Has Been Ordered to Trial by Court-Martial.

Manila, July 10.—Gen. Chaffee has ordered Lieut. Edwin A. Hickman, of the First Cavalry, to Manila for trial by court-martial on the charge of alleged cruelty to natives of Tayabas province. The charges arose from the Gardner inquiry. It is claimed that Hickman ducked two natives in a stream in order to obtain information. He is further charged with having ducked a third native, who died from maltreatment. The military officials say that proof of the latter charge is doubtful.

HAY SCORES A VICTORY.

At His Request Foreign Governments Will Remove Troops from Tien Tsin, as China Desires.

Washington, July 10.—Secretary Hay's prompt action upon the appeal of the Chinese government through Yuan Shi Kai and Minister Wu relative to the evacuation of Tien Tsin has met with success. The foreign generals who have stood in the way of evacuation will receive instructions from their home governments, and, although one or two minor points remain to be adjusted, it is believed that Tien Tsin will soon be turned over to the Chinese authorities.

A Fire at Beatrice, Neb.
Beatrice, Neb., July 10.—Two grocery stores and Klein's big department store are on fire. The fire has gone beyond the control of the firemen. The waterworks were closed yesterday evening by the floods and the city is practically without fire protection.

Dead Was Fatal to Both.
Ardmore, T. J., July 10.—Irus Wyatt and Willie Rascue, the two young men who fought a pistol duel in front of a church near Marlow, are both dead from mortal wounds.

Killed by a Blow.
Avoca, Ia., July 10.—Fred Johnson, son of A. Johnson, county jailer at this place, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon by a blow on the back of the head by Carl Hector. The two quarreled and Hector stepped behind Johnson and struck him.

Shot Inevitably of His Home.
Woodward, Ok., July 10.—Samuel Dift, a farmer, shot Samuel Dift, killing him instantly. Dift lives 12 miles north of Woodward, and returning to his home, found Griffith there with his wife.

SAYS IT IS FALSE.

Senator Burton Denies Report That He Opposes Cuban Reciprocity.

The Bill Before the Senate, He Declares, Would Injure American Industries and Was Not in Harmony with Republican Doctrine.

Topeka, Kan., July 8.—Senator Burton addressed an audience of about 2,000 persons in the Auditorium here last night on the subject and in defense of his course on the Cuban reciprocity bill in the recent session of congress. He said that a cabal of fellows in Washington had decreed what sort of reciprocity we should have with Cuba and then tried to drive the majority of republicans to their way of thinking.

The senator referred to the fact that dispatches had been sent to western newspapers representing that the president proposed to discipline the beet sugar senators; that he intended to ignore their wishes in all matters coming before him, and would exhibit his displeasure in many other ways, which the senator said "were entirely unbecoming, if true." He declared that these reports, while thinly veiled as a personal attack upon the senators, were a malicious slander upon the president. The senator then essayed to show from the records that the present congress had more nearly followed the recommendations of the president than any preceding congress had followed the recommendations of any preceding president. This was true, he said, even of Cuban reciprocity. The senator then said:

I, with other senators and members of congress have been accused of being opposed to Cuban reciprocity. The accusation is false, and is based upon the assumption that the bill reported by the ways and means committee, and the bill that the senate committee proposed to report as a substitute, expressed the only kind of Cuban reciprocity that was in the mind of the people. Reciprocity, as taught us originally by Mr. Blaine, was the admission into this market, without duty, of all of those articles which we do not or cannot produce in exchange for a foreign market for our products with equivalent reduction.

Until we had Cuban reciprocity the foregoing was the only kind of reciprocity that was ever advocated anywhere by any republican convention, and it is only fair to say that it is claimed by Senator Platt and his associates on the committee that their kind of reciprocity does not relate this principle or change it. Therefore, the disagreement arises, not as to whether we should have Cuban reciprocity, but what kind of reciprocity it should be. Should it be reciprocity that would injure American industries and American labor, a reciprocity that is not reciprocity at all and for the benefit of the sugar trust, or reduction of the tariff on Cuban products so surrounded by safeguards as to protect American industries and American labor?

It is a safe proposition that the people of no country are in distress when all members of the laboring classes are employed at remunerative wages. The evidence taken before the committee, by ways and means of the house, and that before the senate Cuban committee, proves this.

Now I want to say this to the people of Kansas, especially, and the people generally to read the evidence given before the senate committee and before the house committee on this subject. It is our duty thoroughly to understand a subject before we decide upon it. Therefore, the disagreement arises, not as to whether we should have Cuban reciprocity, but what kind of reciprocity it should be. Should it be reciprocity that would injure American industries and American labor, a reciprocity that is not reciprocity at all and for the benefit of the sugar trust, or reduction of the tariff on Cuban products so surrounded by safeguards as to protect American industries and American labor?

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Killed While Milking Cows.
Wasco, Minn., July 8.—Adam Bishman, Jr., and his sister were killed near here while milking cows in the basement of a barn. The barn was torn asunder by a windstorm. Two others were buried in the debris for over two hours, but were rescued by the neighbors before they suffocated.

The Choctaw's First Train into Ardmore.
Ardmore, T. J., July 8.—The Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf road ran its first passenger train into Ardmore from Hattiesville last night since the completion of the Ardmore-Hattiesville extension, a distance of 118 miles.

Mother Superior of Mount Carmel Dead.
Wichita, Kan., July 8.—Sister Mary Leo Critia, mother superior of Mount Carmel seminary, is dead at 44. She was noted for her rare executive talent.

Attempt Reformation by Prayer.
Des Moines, Ia., July 8.—A woman's mission society of Des Moines is offering a systematic series of prayers for the soul of "Ben" Parker, the best-known wholesale liquor dealer of Des Moines. Parker owns 30 saloons in Des Moines.

Indian Trading Post Burned.
Guthrie, Ok., July 8.—A special says the town of Whitehorse, an old Indian trading post, was destroyed by fire. Several stores were burned, including \$100,000 loss. A Phillips, a farmer, was fatally burned.

To Be Built at New York.
Washington, July 8.—Secretary Moody, after consultation with the bureau chiefs, gave orders that one of the battleships authorized at the last session of congress be constructed at the New York government navy yard.

A Baseball Player Disabled.
Omaha, Neb., July 8.—David Calhoun, first baseman of the Omaha Western league club, was taken to the hospital yesterday with a bad case of blood poisoning in the left leg, the result of being hit by a ball.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

A Convention to Nominates Three Justices of the Supreme Court—What the Resolutions Indorse.

Springfield, Mo., July 9.—The democratic convention to nominate three candidates for justices of the supreme court met here yesterday and held an all night session to complete its work. At 1:10 o'clock this morning Judge Gavon D. Burgess, of Chillicothe, chief justice of the Missouri supreme court, was renominated on the first ballot. The official result was: Burgess, 380; Sherwood, 268; Valliant, 264; Fox, 176; W. W. Graves, 105½; Alexander Graves, 71½; Davis, 110½; Waller, 195; Gates, 150½; Woodson, 222; Hughes, 89; Silver, 88. As 336 votes were sufficient to nominate, Burgess was declared the nominee.

On the second ballot the vote stood: Sherwood, 247; Valliant, 265; Gates, 186; Woodson, 235; Hughes, 40; W. W. Graves, 71; Alexander Graves, 20; Silver, 29; Waller, 148; Fox, 164; Davis, 49.

The resolutions indorse the national democratic platform of 1900 and approve the administration of Gov. Dockery.

The silver question had been fought over for three hours in the committee on resolutions. No fewer than a dozen different resolutions had been offered in the committee to introduce the silver question in some form, but all had failed.

WOULD EVADE THE LAW.

Manufacturers of Oleo Find Up a Scheme That Is Causing Treasury Officials Some Anxiety.

Washington, July 9.—The manufacturers of oleomargarine have served formal notice on the treasury department officials that they will hereafter sell uncolored oleomargarine, but will supply each purchaser with a quantity of coloring matter, with instructions as to how to use it. The coloring is to be done by the purchaser and consumer, and the manufacturers insist that there is nothing in the law to prevent this from being done. The internal revenue officials are considerably annoyed by the matter, but do not see what they can do.

A WOMAN WHIPPED HIM.

Now the Friends of a Kansas Man Claim That Politics Was Elected His Humiliation.

Woodstock, Kan., July 9.—It is claimed by some that the horsewhipping of Richard Graham by Mrs. Harry McCoy was the result of a plot concocted by politicians for the purpose of damaging the character of the victim and placing him in an ugly light before the public, in order to defeat his ambition to represent Books county in the legislature. Mrs. McCoy's fine of \$3 and costs for assaulting Graham were paid by popular subscription. Mrs. McCoy claims Graham had been the author of evil stories about her.

Attempted to Cremate Himself and Baby.
Guthrie, Ok., July 9.—It was reported from Fort Cobb yesterday that Mrs. George Thomas attempted to kill both herself and baby by setting fire to a pile of hay which she had saturated with coal oil preparatory to their cremation. This occurred early in the morning, before other members of the family were aware of her intentions. They were rescued by an older daughter, just as the mother was mounting the burning pile with the baby in her arms.

Would Not Honor the Regulation.
Topeka, Kan., July 9.—Gov. Stanley yesterday refused to honor the regulation of Gov. Yates, of Illinois, for Charles F. Poland, a farmer living near Ottumwa, who is wanted in Iowa on a charge of wife abandonment. Poland's friends convinced Gov. Stanley that it was Poland's wife who had deserted him.

Paid Tribute to Gen. Lawton.
Louisville, Ky., July 9.—Gen. Bucanino, former secretary of state in Aguinaldo's cabinet, arrived in the city yesterday and presented an address expressing the sympathy of the federal party in the Philippines to the widow of Gen. Lawton, who resides at Pewee Valley, a suburb of Louisville.

Kansas Millers Join National Federation.
Topeka, Kan., July 9.—All the different millers' clubs in various sections of the state at separate meetings here yesterday decided to affiliate with the Millers' National federation, an association formed for the extension of foreign markets.

Declared by the Jury to Be Not Guilty.
Minneapolis, Minn., July 9.—The jury in the case of Superintendent of Police Fred W. Ames, charged with accepting a bribe, returned a verdict of not guilty yesterday, after being out 18 hours.

Kansas Militia Encampment.
Topeka, Kan., July 9.—The military board of the Kansas state militia yesterday decided to hold the state encampment at Emporia during the week beginning August 19.

A Daughter Born to the Astors.
New York, July 9.—A daughter has been born to Col. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor. Mrs. Astor was married February 17, 1891, in Philadelphia. Col. and Mrs. Astor also have a son 10 years old, John Jacob Astor, Jr.

Joe Gans Matched with Rufe Turner.
San Francisco, July 9.—Joe Gans, lightweight champion pugilist, and Rufe Turner, champion lightweight of the Pacific coast, have been matched by the Acme club, of Oakland, to battle on July 24.

Struck by a Train.
Washington, July 9.—Samuel Boyd, aged 24, one of Admiral Dewey's orderlies on the flagship Olympia at the battle of Manila bay, was almost instantly killed at Magruder's stable, Md., last night by being struck by a train.

Don't Want the Philippine Judgeship.
Omaha, Neb., July 9.—Judge Herbert J. Davis, who was recently appointed a judge of the court of first instance in the Philippines, has resigned his position and will remain in the United States.

AMNESTY FOR ALL.

Roosevelt Issues Proclamation Affecting Filipino Prisoners.

The Army in the Archipelago Is Praised for the Work Accomplished Under Trying Circumstances, and in More Than 2,000 Combats.

Washington, July 8.—The president has formally declared the restoration of peace in the Philippine archipelago and has placed the islands under complete civil control and has extended general amnesty to the Filipinos who have been in rebellion. These three things, marking one of the most important chapters in Philippine history, were accomplished through the issue of three separate orders and proclamations, one by the president over his own signature, extending amnesty; one through Secretary Root by the president's order, relieving Gen. Chaffee from his duties as military governor, and a third which takes the shape of a general order, addressed to the entire army of the United States, in which Secretary Root takes occasion to express the president's high appreciation of the work it has accomplished, both in Cuba and in the Philippines. The address to the army says:

The president on this anniversary of national independence wishes to express to the officers and enlisted men of the United States army his deep appreciation of the service they have rendered to the country in the great and difficult undertakings which they have brought to a successful conclusion during the past year. He thanks the officers and the enlisted men who have been maintaining order and carrying on the military government in Cuba because they have faithfully given effect to the humane purposes of the American people. They have with sincere kindness helped the Cuban people to take all the successive steps necessary to the establishment of their own constitutional government. During the time required for that process they have governed Cuba wisely, regarding justice and respecting individual liberty; have honestly collected and expended for the best interests of the Cuban people the revenues, amounting to over \$8,000,000, have carried out practical and just laws, have steadily been improving the health and lowering the death rate of the island. By patient, scientific research they have associated the causes of yellow fever with good administration have put an end to that most dreadful disease which has long destroyed the lives and hindered the common prosperity of the Cubans. They have expedited justice and secured protection for the rights of the innocent, while they have cleansed the prisons and established sound discipline and beautiful conditions for the punishment of the guilty. They have re-established and renovated and put upon a substantial basis adequate hospitals for the care of the unfortunate. They have established a general system of free common schools throughout the island, in which over 200,000 children have received attendance. They have gradually trained the Cubans themselves in all branches of administration so that the new government, upon its organization, may begin its work with an experienced force of Cuban civil service employees competent to execute its orders. They have borne the burden and heat of the day, control, so that nearly four years of military occupation have passed unmarred by injury or insult to man or woman. They have transferred the government of Cuba to the Cuban people amid universal expressions of friendship and good will and have left a record of order, justice and progress, and improvement in material and moral conditions, and progress in the art of government which reflects great credit upon the people of the United States.

The president thanks the officers and enlisted men of the army in the Philippines, by regular and volunteers, for the courage and fortitude, the admirable spirit and loyal devotion with which they have put down and ended the great insurrection which has raged throughout the archipelago since the restoration of sovereignty and just authority of the United States. The task was peculiarly difficult and trying. They were required at first to overcome organized resistance of superior numbers, well equipped with modern arms of precision, entrenched in an unknown number of mountain defiles, jungles and swamps, and were frequently capable of intermittent defiance. When this resistance had been overcome they were required to create and maintain a system of guerrilla warfare conducted among a people speaking unknown tongues, from whom it was almost impossible to obtain the necessary cooperation for successful pursuit or to guard against surprise and ambushes.

Bound themselves by the laws of war, our soldiers, without flinching, met every device of unscrupulous treachery and to contemplate without reprisal the infliction of barbarous cruelties upon the defenseless and unarmed. They were instructed, while punishing armed resistance, to conciliate the friendship of the peaceful, yet had to do with a population almost universally hostile, impossible to distinguish friend from foe, and who in countless instances used a false appearance of friendship for ambush and assassination.

Under all these adverse circumstances the army of the Philippines has accomplished its task rapidly and completely. In more than 2,000 combats, great and small, within three years, it has exhibited unvarying courage and resolution. Utilizing the lessons of the Indian war it has relentlessly followed the guerrilla bands to their fastnesses in mountain and jungle and crushed them. It has put an end to the vast system of intimidation and secret assassinations by which the peaceful natives were prevented from taking a genuine part in government under American authority. It has captured or forced to surrender practically all the leaders of the insurrection. It has added honor to the flag which it defended and has justified increased confidence in the future of the American people, whose soldiers do not shrink from labor or death, yet love liberty and peace. The president feels that he expresses the sentiments of all the loyal people of the United States in doing honor to the whole army which has joined in the performance and shares in the credit of these honorable services.

An Aeronaut Dashed to Death.
Mount Vernon, Ill., July 5.—An aeronaut named Hallbrook, from St. Louis, was instantly killed here yesterday. He made a balloon ascension and the parachute failed to work. He fell 100 feet and was dashed to death.

Hacked to Pieces by Her Lover.
Des Moines, Ia., July 5.—Martha White, colored, was almost literally hacked to pieces by her lover, Sam Whitley, colored, Thursday night. She still survives, but is in a precarious condition.

A Grand Stand Collapsed.
Fort Smith, Ark., July 5.—The grand stand at the baseball park near this city collapsed during a game between a club of Springfield, Mo., and one of this city. A score of people were injured, several sustaining broken limbs.

Freight and Passenger Train Collided.
Richmond, Ind., July 5.—A freight and passenger train collided on the Cincinnati, Richmond & Muncie railroad near here yesterday afternoon. August Kamp was killed and several persons injured.

EIGHT BALLOTS REQUIRED.

Missouri Democratic Convention Nominated Burgess, Valliant and Fox for Supreme Court Judges.

Springfield, Mo., July 10.—Charles E. Peers, of Warrenton, was made permanent chairman of the democratic state convention. Judge Nat M. Shelton, of Schuyler county, became weary early in the convention and was unable to control it. The committee on rules reported in favor of voting for all three candidates for judges of the supreme court at once. This was earnestly fought by Congressman Cowherd, of Kansas City, James H. Wittecoft, of Monroe county, and others, but was finally adopted by a vote of 393½ to 317½.

The report of the committee on resolutions heartily endorsed the administration of Gov. Dockery, but contained no reference to the Kansas City national platform of 1900. Ex-Senator D. A. Ball, of Pike county, presented an amendment indorsing the Kansas City platform and after much talking for and against the amendment was adopted 501 to 199.